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UNITED AGAINST RABIES:

One Health in Action—Partnering for Success

22 September 2020, 12.00-14.00 UTC

The **technical sessions** (the second half of the event) focus on **identifying priority action areas** for the United Against Rabies Forum as we move into the second, 'scale-up' phase of the *The Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030* (the GSP).

This is an opportunity for **you** to contribute your knowledge, experience, ideas, and opinions!

The GSP was crafted from the outputs of interactive discussions during the Rabies Global Conference held in Geneva in December 2015. It is time to revisit it and update the plans for its 'operationalisation' in the context of today's world, so we have based each technical session on one of the GSP's three high-level objectives:

- **Session 1** focuses on the **effective use of vaccines, medicines, tools, and technologies**.
How can we help countries decide which tools will be most useful for them, acquire the tools, and have them implemented by human health or veterinary services staff? How do we identify and prioritise the gaps in vaccines, medicines, tools and technology, and how can these gaps be filled?
- **Session 2** focuses on **identifying ways to generate, innovate, and measure impact**.
Making a difference at national and regional levels involves clear guidance, strategies, priorities, and legal frameworks—what have we learned, and what are the next steps for countries and regions? How can our experiences with rabies be used as an entry point to enhance national One Health programmes?
- **Session 3** focuses on **generating sustained commitment and resources**.
Rabies is a priority zoonotic disease in most endemic countries, so why is it so hard for governments and international investors to take action and allocate resources? What do we need to do to change this? How should investments be managed?

Our 2020 meeting will be virtual rather than physical, but this means that many more people and organisations can come to the event. We have invited panelists from diverse backgrounds, and will moderate discussions with them (in English). We aim to identify priority problem areas that can be tackled over the next 12 to 18 months by United Against Rabies Forum working groups.

We want you to be able to have input in these sessions with your comments, questions, suggestions, and advice, so we will capture these using chat boxes during the event. You can use our email address globalrabiescoordinator@oie.int to send these to us afterwards.

We will develop a report of the meeting and technical sessions summarising the outputs of the technical sessions, and will include information about how to join the Forum and details of the new working groups. All sessions will be recorded and available to participants after the event.